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In re Application of:
Johannes Willem Hofstraat

Serial No.: 09/380,336

Filed: November 23, 1999

Title: Diagnostic Neodymium (III)
Ytterbium (III) or Erbium (III)
Ion-Ligand Complexes

Group Art Unit: 1600/2900
Examiner: G. Gabel

Attorney Docket No.:
DVME-1009US

PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
BOX CPA
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an additional three month extension of time up to and including July 14, 2002 for the purpose of permitting the timely filing of Continued Prosecution Application (CPA).

In response to the Final Rejection dated August 14, 2001, on February 14, 2002, a Notice of Appeal and an extension of time were filed.

A check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed herewith for the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account no. 50-0462 for any additional fees associated with this response and/or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0462.

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